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Parks and Recreation Minutes 7/03/2004

Park and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, July 13, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.

Approved Meeting Minutes

The meeting came to order at 7:00 PM.

Commissioners Present: Joseph Carabello, Thomas Caccavaro and Leslie Mayer

Staff Present: Jonathan Jalbert, Recreation Superintendent

Heather Hogle, Interim Program Supervisor

Other: Ed Campbell, Steve Mansfield, Roberto Scalese

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Jalbert welcomed and introduced Heather Hogle whom was hired on as interim program supervisor.

MOTION (made by Leslie Mayer, 2nd by Tom Caccavarro)

THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPROVES THE 5/11/2004 MEETING MINUTES

VOTE: 3-0 (UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION)

June meeting minutes will be postponed until the September 14th meeting to give the Commissioners time to review them.

2. Adult User Groups

Mr. Jalbert made a statement of correction to Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Barbera's groups that they were never notified verbally or in writing of any alcohol violation at the rink. Both groups have been long standing tenants with no violations and we are pleased to have them as tenants at the Arlington Skating Rink.

On behalf the commission Mr. Carabello apologized to Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Barbera.

MOTION (made by Leslie Mayer, 2nd by Tom Caccavarro)

BASED ON THE INFORMATION PRESENTED TONIGHT, THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION VOTE THAT THE 2 GROUPS (MANSFIELD AND BARBERA) BE GIVEN A FORMAL APOLOGY AND TO RESCIND THEIR PREVIOUS VOTE IN THE APRIL 2004 MEETING. FUTHERMORE, THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MOTION TO UPHOLD THE DECISION TO INDEFINITELY SUSPEND THE OVER-40 GROUP FROM THE RINK, IF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIATED AND THE TOWN MANAGER APPROVES THEIR RECOMMENDATION.

VOTE: 3-0 (UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION)

3. Friends of Robbins Farm-

POST PONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER MEETING.

4. Special Event Approvals

Mr. Jalbert will email the commissioners on an event scheduled for Robbins Farm Park for a wedding ceremony. The commissioners needed more information regarding the event prior to a decision.

5. Volunteer Credit

Mr. Jalbert reported there was no update thus from Town Council, John Maher. There was no vote at this time and postponed until September meeting.

6. Committee Updates

Field Policy Committee. Mr. Carabello was concerned the meeting was about maintenance and not permitting and scheduling. Mr. Jalbert informed Mr. Carabello that DPW Director, John Sanchez was present and did address any maintenance issues. Mr. Jalbert stated the user groups would like to have port-a-potties installed at some locations. The commissioners were concerned with securing them, their locations and having environmentally friendly ones installed. They requested Mr. Jalbert ask the user groups to come up with locations and to answer how they plan to secure them.

Sports Center Improvement Committee. Meeting has been scheduled for next Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the rink.

Open Space Committee. No Report.

Friends Groups.

FOCCA – Mrs. Mayer received an email from FOCOA and they would like the commission to come up with other locations for a dog park or run. After much discussion, the commission could not come up with an area.

SPY POND RENOVATION. Mrs. Mayer made the commission aware of a proposal for a trail on the Route 2 side by doing some pruning and making the viewing area better. There will be a walk scheduled for August 10th at 1 p.m. Bids are out and was sent to six contractors.

WALDO, LOCK AND CROSBY TENNIS COURTS. Are moving forward and can be viewed on-line through Larson Associates website.

6. Recreation and Rink Update

Mr. Jalbert reported he has not completed the Park Beautification report at this time.

Mr. Jalbert stated Mrs. Bernice Jones' bench is in and he will call Bernice to ask for location at Menotomy. Mr. Jalbert will ask Mr. Vitters to work on the wording for the plaque.

7. Other

Mrs. Mayer asked if the playground equipment is being removed from Dallin where is it going. Mr. Jalbert stated he will follow up with John Sanchez, DPW Director.

Mrs. Mayer announced that Joey Glushko from Planning has available annual grants for playgrounds and parks. Mrs. Mayer stated she will follow up and state the commission's interest.

Mr. Carabello stated there will be a vote for Chairperson and Vice Chair at the September meeting. Mr. Carabello stated he is interested in staying on a Chairperson.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

